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15	Vs.	) VERIFIED CROSS-COMPLAINT ) FOR ABUSE OF PROCESS
16	GERALD ARMSTRONG; MICHAEL WALTON; et al,	)
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25	Cross-Defendant.	)
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PARTIES

Cross-Complainant GERALD ARMSTRONG, hereinafter,
 "ARMSTRONG," is a resident of Marin County, California.

- 2. Cross-Defendant CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

  INTERNATIONAL, hereinafter "CSI" or is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, having principal offices and places of business in California and doing business within the State of California within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court.
- 3. Cross-Defendant DAVID MISCAVIGE, hereinafter "MISCAVIGE," is an individual domiciled in the State of California.
- 4. At all times herein mentioned, each Cross-Defendant was the agent, employee or coconspirator of each of the remaining Cross-Defendants, and in doing the things herein mentioned, each Cross-Defendant was acting within the course and scope of its employment and authority as such agent and/or representative and/or employee and/or coconspirator, and with the consent of the remaining Cross-Defendants.
- 5. CSI is subject to a unity of control, and the its corporate structure was created as an attempt to avoid payment of taxes and civil judgments and to confuse courts and those seeking redress for these Cross-Defendants' acts. Due to the unity of personnel, commingling of assets, and commonality of business objectives, these Cross-Defendants' attempts at separation of these corporations should be disregarded.
- 6. The designation of CSI as a "church" or religious entity is a sham contrived to exploit the protection of the First

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Amendment of the United States Constitution and to justify their criminal, and tortious acts against ARMSTRONG and others. Cross-Defendant corporation is part of an international, money-making, criminally motivated enterprise which subjugates and exploits its employees and customers with coercive psychological techniques, threat of violence and blackmail. CSI and other Scientology corporate entities act as one organization.

- 7. David Miscavige controls and operates Scientology and uses it to enforce his orders and carry out his attacks on groups, agencies or individuals, including the acts against ARMSTRONG alleged herein to the extent there is no separate identity between Miscavige and CSI and any claim of such separate identity should be disregarded.
- 8. Cross-Defendants DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are sued herein under such fictitious names for the reason that the true names and capacities of said Cross-Defendants are unknown to ARMSTRONG at this time; that when the true names and capacities of said Cross-Defendants are ascertained ARMSTRONG will ask leave of Court to amend this Cross-Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of said fictitiously named Cross-Defendants, together with any additional allegations that may be necessary in regard thereto; that each of said fictitiously named Cross-Defendants claim that ARMSTRONG has a legal obligation to Cross-Defendants by virtue of the facts set forth below; that each of said fictitiously named Cross-Defendants is in some manner legally responsible for the acts and occurrences hereinafter alleged.
- 9. Armstrong was a Scientologist from 1969 until mid-December, 1981. He was drawn into Scientology by representations

made by the organization and its founder L. Ron Hubbard ("Hubbard") about his history, achievements, credentials, character and intentions, and the history, credentials, character and intentions of his organization.

10. Throughout his years in Scientology, Armstrong remained dedicated to the accomplishment of its claimed and widely publicized "aims":

"A civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights".

- 11. From 1971 Armstrong was a member of the Sea
  Organization, Scientology's highest administrative echelon which
  controlled all lower organizations internationally without regard
  for corporate formality. Sea Organization members have an
  unconditional reverence for the words of Hubbard, whether true or
  false, and may not, on penalty of severe punishment, question the
  truth or falsity of his words.
- 12. Armstrong held several Sea Organization staff positions including legal officer, public relations officer and intelligence officer. He worked personally for Hubbard as a communications aide and in his household staff. Armstrong gained a knowledge of organization structure, control, policies and orders. He gained a knowledge of organization policies and practices regarding "ethics," its system of discipline and punishment, including its ultimate sanction, "fair game," whereby a person who was labelled a "suppressive person" or "enemy":

"May be deprived of property or injured by any

means by any Scientologist without discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed."

- 13. At the beginning of 1980 leaders at Sea Organization headquarters at Gilman Hotsprings, California, in anticipation of a raid by law enforcement agencies, ordered a massive shredding of evidence showing Hubbard's control of the organization. In the course of the shredding operation Armstrong discovered several boxes containing Hubbard's personal documentary records.

  Armstrong petitioned Hubbard to assemble these documents and to search for more personal records to form an archive to be used to create a Hubbard biography. Hubbard approved the petition.
- Armstrong discovered that an alarming number of the organization's and Hubbard's representations about Hubbard's history, achievements, credentials, character and intentions were without basis in fact and, indeed, false ("the misrepresentations"). Armstrong brought these discoveries to the attention of organization executives responsible for publications in the hope of bringing the misrepresentations that Scientology systematically disseminated to Scientologists and the world at large into conformity with the truth.
- 15. The response of the organization's leaders to Armstrong's attempt to correct the misrepresentations being disseminated was to label him a security risk and order him to a "security check," an accusatory interrogation using Scientology's electro-psychometer (E-meter) as a lie detector. Armstrong concluded that Hubbard and his organization's leaders did not

sincerely seek to accomplish Scientology's stated "aims" but sought unimpeded domination and the acquisition of wealth at the expense of honesty and freedom, to the detriment of their followers, and to the peril of their perceived opponents.

Armstrong came to the realization that Hubbard and his organization were dishonest and violent, causing him to terminate his affiliation with them.

- 16. Shortly after Armstrong left the organization it published two "Suppressive Person Declares," naming him a "suppressive person," accusing him of falsely of "crimes" and "high crimes," and thus making him "fair game."
- 17. To protect himself following the publication of the "suppressive persons declares," Armstrong obtained copies of documents showing that Hubbard's and the organization's representations concerning their history, achievements, credentials, character and intentions were false.
- Armstrong for conversion of the subject documents in a case captioned Church of Scientology of California and Mary Sue Hubbard v. Gerald Armstrong, Los Angeles Superior Court case No. C 420153 ("Armstrong I"). Armstrong retained Boston, Massachusetts attorney Michael Flynn ("Flynn") and the Woodland Hills, California law firm of Contos & Bunch, to represent Armstrong against the organization.
- 19. Armstrong filed a cross-complaint for fraud, breach of contract and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The cross-complaint was bifurcated from the underlying document case which was tried by Judge Paul G. Breckenridge, Jr. in the spring

of 1984.

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20. Following a 30-day trial, on June, 20, 1984 Judge
Breckenridge rendered a decision in favor of Armstrong which held
that Hubbard and his organization were antisocial in nature and
condemned its practices. He wrote:

"In addition to violating and abusing its own members civil rights, the organization over the years with its "Fair Game" doctrine has harassed and abused those persons not in the [organization] whom it perceives as enemies. The organization clearly is schizophrenic and paranoid, and this bizarre combination seems to be a reflection of its founder LRH. evidence portrays a man who has been virtually a pathological liar when it comes to his history, background and achievements. writings and documents in evidence additionally reflect his egoism, greed, avarice, lust for power, and vindictiveness and aggressiveness against persons perceived by him to be disloyal or hostile."

21. From 1979 Flynn was responsible for much litigation vindicating the rights of individuals injured by Scientology.

In a set of cases in Federal Court in Boston, Massachusetts
Flynn represented Lucy Garritano, Steven Garritano, Peter Graves,
Kim Vashel Hankins, Majorie Hansen, Janet Troy Labanara and
Michael Smith.

In a set of cases in Federal Court in Tampa, Florida, Flynn

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represented former mayor of Clearwater, Gabriel Cazares, Nan and John McLean, Tonja Burden and Margery Wakefield.

In cases pending in Los Angeles, California Flynn represented, among others, former organization executives Laurel Sullivan ("Sullivan"), William Franks ("Franks"), Howard Schomer ("Schomer"), Edward Walters ("Walters") and Martin Samuels ("Samuels"), all organization contemporaries of Armstrong.

- 22. From the time Flynn began representing individuals and entities in litigations with Scientology the organization labelled him an "enemy" and subjected him to a campaign of "fair game."

  Acts against Flynn pursuant to the "fair game doctrine" included more than a dozen lawsuits, frivolous bar complaints, theft of records, infiltration of his office, illegal electronic surveillance, defamation, framing with crimes, and attempted assassination. Flynn also brought a lawsuit against Scientology, captioned Michael J. Flynn v. Scientology, United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. CV 850485-R, seeking damages for the years of fair game acts.
- 23. Flynn would ultimately settle all of the cases in each of the foregoing three blocks when given a large sum of money by Scientology to make such cases "go away."
- 24. In the first half of 1986 plaintiff's attorney Charles O'Reilly tried the case of <u>Larry Wollersheim v. Church of</u>

  <u>Scientology of California</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C

  332827. After a 95-day trial, the jury awarded a verdict in

  Wollersheim's behalf in the amount of \$30,000,000.00.
- 25. At this time, Armstrong's cross-complaint, seeking damages for Scientology's "fair game" conduct was set for trial at

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attempted framing of Armstrong in an alleged plot to "take over" Scientology, filing false criminal charges with the Los Angeles District Attorney, filing false criminal charges with the Boston office of the FBI, filing false declarations, bringing contempt of court proceedings on three occasions based on false charges, making false accusations in internationally published media of crimes including crimes against humanity, and culling and disseminating information from Armstrong's supposedly confidential auditing (psychotherapy) files.

This conduct included assault, harassment,

- I am informed and believe and allege thereon that during 1986 organization leaders contacted Flynn, offered to discontinue its fair game operations against him and offered him a lump sum of money of several million dollars to settle all the Scientology cases in which he had a role, including his own case, if he would get all the litigants, which included Armstrong, Schomer and Samuels, or claimants, which included Sullivan, Franks and Walters, to sign organization-prepared settlement contracts. promising the payment of a lump sum to Flynn without specifying what amount was to be applied in settlement of what claims Scientology made Flynn its agent in opposition to the interests of his clients.
- 27. Flynn had multiple conflicts of interest with his Scientology litigation clients which he failed to disclose, and otherwise failed to insure that said clients received proper unconflicted representation. I am informed and believe and allege thereon that he dealt with them separately and threatened that if such persons refused to settle, he would abandon such persons as

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- 28. The cases in which Flynn had a role settled in three main blocks. The first block to settle was the Boston cases, the second block was the Florida cases, and third was the Los Angeles cases which settled in December, 1986 in Los Angeles and included among approximately 15 plaintiffs or claimants Armstrong, Sullivan, Franks, Schomer, Walters and Samuels.
- 29. Sullivan had been a long-time Sea Organization member, Hubbard's personal public relations officer for many years, and had played a key part in the corporate restructuring of the organization in order to insulate top management from civil and criminal liability. She testified in the Armstrong I trial, the Wollersheim trial, and the 1985 trial of Julie Christofferson v. Scientology, Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, Multnomah County, No. A7704-05184, in which the jury had awarded a verdict in Christofferson's behalf in the amount of \$39,000,000.00.
- 30. Franks had been a long-time Sea Organization member, the organization's Executive Director International, and had knowledge of organization covert intelligence operations and finances. He had testified in the <u>Christofferson</u> and <u>Wollersheim</u> trials.
- 31. Schomer had been a long-time Sea Organization member, in charge of Hubbard's finances and responsible for transferring Scientology charitable corporation funds to Hubbard's personal accounts. He had testified in the <a href="https://example.com/Armstrong I">Armstrong I</a> and <a href="https://example.com/Christofferson">Christofferson</a> trials.
  - 32. Walters had been a long-time Scientology auditor

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(therapist) and a covert operative for the organization's Guardian Office, the name used until 1982 for its intelligence, legal and public relations bureaus when it became the Office of Special Affairs. Walters had testified in the Armstrong I, Christofferson and Wollersheim trials.

- 33. Samuels had been a long-time Scientology franchise holder and had knowledge of the organization's practice of training its litigation witnesses to lie. He testified in the Christofferson trial.
- 34. Armstrong had testified in the <u>Armstrong I</u> and <u>Christofferson</u> trials and in a Scientology-related custody case in London, England, and in another approximately twenty-five days in depositions in some twelve lawsuits.
- 35. I am informed and believe that each settlement contract contained provisions which called for complete silence regarding Scientology-related experiences, non-assistance to adverse parties, non-disclosure of settlement conditions, prohibition of sworn testimony and avoidance of service of process. Armstrong's settlement contract also contained provisions allowing the organization to appeal from the scathing language of the Breckenridge decision in Armstrong I and preventing Armstrong from opposing any appeals the organization might take. With respect to Scientology's appeal of the Breckenridge decision, Scientology and Flynn entered into two side agreements, undisclosed to Armstrong, which (1) limited any damages awarded on retrial to \$25,000, and (2) guaranteed that Armstrong Scientology would indemnify Armstrong's obligation to pay such judgement, should Scientology obtain reversal of the appeal and prevail upon retrial of the

case. The settlement contract also required Armstrong to collude with Scientology with respect to obtaining certain documents that constituted evidence of a conspiracy among Scientology executives and their attorneys to cover up criminal activity and to commit frauds on the Internal Revenue Service and other governmental agencies litigated and reported in <u>United States v. Zolin</u>, Case No. CV 85-0440-HLH(Tx).

- 36. Armstrong contends that the foregoing provisions are designed and intended to suppress evidence and therefore constitute an obstruction of justice thereby rendering the settlement contract unenforceable and void as against public policy.
- 37. Flynn and the other attorneys representing Armstrong and other anti-organization litigants also signed contracts with Scientology which prohibited their representation of anyone including their former anti-organization clients in litigation against the organization.
- 38. Effects of the provisions of such settlement contracts were the stripping of the Flynn-represented parties of their First Amendment rights of Free Speech and the stripping of the public of the right to hear from first-hand sources the truth about Scientology so that there could be free competition in the marketplace of ideas.
- 39. An additional effect of said provisions binding, censoring, suppressing and restraining the Flynn-represented parties' rights to Free Speech was to create an opportunity for Scientology to disseminate manufactured falsehoods in the marketplace of ideas, to obtain an unfair advantage with respect

to adversaries in various pending and future litigation, and to control the availability of evidence harmful to it in future litigation.

- 40. The purpose of each of the aforementioned settlement contracts was to effectuate certain objectives, including but not limited to, the following:
- a. Maximizing Scientology's ongoing assertion and claim that it is a bona fide religion;
- b. Maximizing its opportunities to cover up its criminal activity, or obtain a First Amendment immunity from having to be accountable for the consequences of its conduct;
- c. Slandering the reputation of Armstrong for truth and veracity in order to make Scientology's false claims about its nature and practices seem credible by putting Armstrong into a posture where Scientology could lie about Armstrong with impunity because if he spoke out about Scientology, it would sue him into silence based upon the settlement contract.
- 41. Following the December, 1986 settlement, Scientology continued to attack Armstrong pursuant to its "fair game doctrine." Its acts include, but are not limited to, publishing a false and unfavorable description of Armstrong's in a "dead agent" pack relating to writer and anti-Scientology litigant Bent Corydon; filing several affidavits in the case of Church of Scientology of California v. Russell Miller and Penguin Books

  Limited, case no. 6140 in the High Court of Justice in London England which falsely accused Armstrong of violations of court orders, and falsely labeled him "an admitted agent provocateur of the U.S. Federal Government"; and delivering copies of an edited

version of an illegally obtained 1984 videotape of Armstrong to the international media.

- 42. Scientology threatened Armstrong with lawsuits on six occasions if he did not obey its orders to not testify regarding Scientology's dark side, thus aiding and abetting its obstruction of justice in the Miller case, in the case of Bent Corydon v. Scientology, Los Angeles Superior Court No. C 694401, wherein Corydon had subpoenaed Armstrong as a witness, and in the case of Scientology v. Yanny, Los Angeles Superior Court No. C 690211. Scientology also threatened to release Armstrong's confidences, which it had stolen from a friend, if Armstrong did not assist the organization in preventing Corydon from gaining access to the Armstrong I court file.
- 43. In the fall of 1989, right after receiving a series of threats from organization attorney Lawrence Heller, Armstrong, who had not earlier responded to Scientology's post-settlement attacks, concluded that he was being used to obstruct justice and that he had a right and a duty to not obstruct justice.
- 44. In February, 1990 Armstrong petitioned the California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Three, for permission to file a response in the appeal from the Breckenridge decision that Scientology had been able to maintain in the intervening years. The Court of Appeal granted Armstrong's petition and he filed a respondent's brief. On July 29, 1991 the Court of Appeal issued its opinion, Scientology v. Armstrong, (1991) 232 Cal.App. 3d 1060, 283 Cal.Rptr. 917, affirming the Breckenridge decision.
- 45. On October 3, 1991 Scientology filed a motion in <u>Armstrong I</u> to enforce the settlement contract against Armstrong,

Claiming that the contract had been approved by Judge
Breckenridge. On December 23, 1991 Judge Bruce R. Geernaert
denied the motion, ruling that Judge Breckenridge had not been
shown the contract. He also said:

"[T]hat is ... one of the most ambiguous, one-sided agreements I have ever read. And I would not have ordered the enforcement of hardly any of the terms had I been asked to, even on the threat that, okay, the case is not settled. I know we like to settle cases. But we don't like to settle cases and, in effect, prostrate the court system into making an order which is not fair or in the public interest."

- 46. Scientology's actual purpose in bringing said motion was to obstruct justice, suppress evidence, slander Armstrong;'s reputation, retaliate against him for exercising his rights, and to make an example of him so that knowledgeable witnesses who had been betrayed in the settlement with the organization would continue to be scared into silence.
- 47. On February 4, 1992 Scientology filed a lawsuit captioned Church of Scientology v. Gerald Armstrong, Marin Superior Court Case No. 152229 ("Armstrong II") claiming it was seeking liquidated damages for alleged contract breaches and asking for injunctive relief. The case was transferred to Los Angeles Superior Court and given Case No. BC 052395. On May 27, 1992 at a hearing on Scientology's motion for a preliminary injunction Judge Ronald M. Sohigian, who refused to enforce certain of the settlement contract's provisions regarding restraints on Armstrong's rights to Freedom of Speech, stated:

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"The information (Armstrong's experiences inside the Scientology organization) that's being suppressed in this case, however, is information about extremely blame-worthy behavior of [the Scientology organization] which nobody owns; it is information having to do with the behavior of a high degree of offensiveness and behavior which is meritorious in the extreme.

It involves abusing people who are weak. It involves taking advantage of people who for one reason or another get themselves enmeshed in this extremist view in a way that makes them unable to resist it apparently. It

Judge Sohigian did, however, prohibit Armstrong from voluntarily giving sworn testimony on behalf of private individual plaintiffs with contemplated or pending claims against Scientology or assisting such persons with his special knowledge of Scientology.

Armstrong II is presently stayed pending the outcome of an appeal from the Sohigian ruling.

involves using techniques of coercion."

- 48. On July 8, 1993, after Armstrong II was stayed Scientology filed a lawsuit captioned Church of Scientology International v. Gerald Armstrong & The Gerald Armstrong Corporation, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 084642 ("Armstrong III") claiming again that it was seeking liquidated damages for alleged contract breaches and asking for injunctive relief. Armstrong III has also been stayed pending the outcome of the appeal from the Sohigian ruling.
- 49. On July 23, 1993, Scientology filed a lawsuit captioned Church of Scientology International v. Gerald Armstrong, Michael

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Walton & The Gerald Armstrong Corporation, Marin Superior Court Case No. 157680 ("Armstrong IV") claiming to be a creditor of Armstrong and alleging a conspiracy to defraud it of liquidated damages it claimed were owed by Armstrong.

- Armstrong II, III and IV was to obstruct justice, suppress evidence, assassinate Armstrong's reputation, retaliate against him for exercising his rights, use the discovery process for gathering intelligence on its enemies, and to make an example of Armstrong so that knowledgeable witnesses who had been betrayed in the settlement with the organization would continue to be scared into silence.
- 51. Armstrong IV is a part of Scientology's use of litigation as war against its targeted "enemies" and our justice system itself. Scientology's tactics in its use of litigation as war include causing its opposition to do needless work, needlessly driving up costs to its opposition, ignoring the truth, senseless relitigation of already decided issues, perjury, destruction and hiding of evidence, intimidation of witnesses, intimidation of opposing counsel, and intimidation of judges.
- 52. Indeed, United States District Court Judge James M.

  Ideman wrote in a declaration he executed June 17, 1993 and filed in the United States Court of Appeals:

"[Scientology] has recently begun to harass my former law clerk who assisted me on this case, even though she now lives in another city and has other legal employment. This action, in combination with other misconduct by counsel over the years has caused me to

reassess my state of mind with respect to the propriety of my continuing to preside over the matter. I have concluded that I should not.

[Scientology's] non-compliance (with Court orders) has consisted of evasions, misrepresentations, broken promises and lies, but ultimately with refusal. As part of this scheme to not comply [Scientology has] undertaken a massive campaign of filing every conceivable motion (and some unconceivable) (Judge Ideman's parens.) to disguise the true issues in these pretrial proceedings. Apparently viewing litigation as war, plaintiffs by this tactic have had the effect of massively increasing costs to the other parties, and, for a while, to the Court.

Yet it is almost all puffery -- motions without merit or substance."

papers filed in the case, constitute an abuse of process because it is intended to support Scientology's strategy of retributive litigation in furtherance of its plan and scheme to obstruct justice and to suppress evidence by making an example of Armstrong in order to intimidate other persons who are knowledgeable about Scientology from coming forward and speaking the truth. Scientology's filing and litigation of Armstrong IV is in conformity with its express policy specifying the improper use of litigation. Said policy, in part, is stated as follows:

"The purpose of the suit is to harass and discourage rather than to win.  $[\P]$  The law can be used very

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easily to harass, and enough harassment on somebody who is simply on the thin edge anyway...will generally be sufficient to cause his professional decease. If possible, of course, ruin him utterly. "

### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (For Abuse of Process Against All Cross-Defendants)

- 54. Cross-complainant Armstrong realleges paragraphs 1 through 53, inclusive and incorporates them by reference herein as though fully set forth.
- 55. Cross-defendants, and each of them, have abused the process of this court in a wrongful manner, not proper in the regular conduct of proceedings, to accomplish purposes for which said proceedings were not designed, specifically obstruction of justice, suppression of evidence, assassination of Armstrong's reputation, retaliation against him for exercising his rights, gathering intelligence on its enemies, and making an example of Armstrong so that knowledgeable witnesses who had been betrayed in the settlement with the organization would continue to be scared into silence.
- 56. Cross-defendants, and each of them, acted in this litigation with an ulterior motive to obstruct justice, suppress evidence, assassinate Armstrong's reputation, retaliate against him for exercising his rights, use the discovery process for gathering intelligence on its enemies, and to make an example of Armstrong so that knowledgeable witnesses who had been betrayed in the settlement with the organization would continue to be scared into silence.
  - 57. Defendants, and each of them, have abused the process of

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this court in a wrongful manner, not proper in the regular conduct of the proceedings in Armstrong IV and in other litigation, to accomplish a purpose for which said proceedings were not designed, specifically, the suppression of evidence, the obstruction of justice, the assassination of cross-complainant's reputation, and retaliation against said cross-complainant for prevailing at trial in Armstrong I, and for continuing to publicly speak out on the subject of Scientology, all so as to be able to attack cross-complainant and prevent cross-complainant from being able to take any effective action to protect himself.

- 58. Defendants, and each of them, acted with an ulterior motive to suppress evidence, obstruct justice, assassinate cross-complainant's reputation, suppress ARMSTRONG's First Amendment rights, and to retaliate against cross-complainant in said litigation.
- 59. That defendants, and each of them, have committed willful acts of intimidation, threats, and submission of false and confidential documents not authorized by the process of litigation, and not proper in the regular conduct of litigation.
- Armstrong II, Armstrong's attorney therein, Ford Greene, wrote to Scientology's attorney, Laurie Bartilson, requesting that, for the purpose of Armstrong's defense, Scientology release Armstrong's former attorneys, Michael Flynn, Bruce Bunch and Julia Dragojevic, from contracts by which Scientology prohibited them, on threat of fair game, from assisting Armstrong against Scientology's charges. The assistance of said attorneys was necessary because each had represented Armstrong throughout the Armstrong I litigation and

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had participated as Armstrong's agents in the 1986 settlement negotiations with Scientology which resulted in the subject settlement agreement Scientology sought to enforce in <a href="Armstrong">Armstrong</a> <a href="II">II</a>.

- On February 24, 1992, Greene wrote to Bartilson, requesting that, for the purpose of Armstrong's defense, Scientology release the individuals, including Sullivan, Franks, Schomer, Walters and Samuels, who had signed Scientology's "settlement agreements" around the same time as Armstrong, from said agreements which prohibited them, on threat of fair game, from assisting Armstrong against Scientology's charges. assistance of said individuals, all of whom had been represented by Flynn, was necessary because Scientology claimed in Armstrong II that they had each signed and agreed to settlement agreements substantially similar to Armstrong's; yet each had been advised by Flynn that the prohibitory clauses in said settlement agreements were unenforceable. Each witness would support Armstrong's defense that Scientology had obtained their signatures on said unenforceable contracts by subjecting them and their attorney to fair game. Releases were necessary as well because Armstrong did not have and does have any money to pay for service of deposition subpoenas, deposition transcripts and related travel costs for these witnesses, himself or his attorney.
- 62. On March 2, 1992 Bartilson wrote to Greene refusing to release either Armstrong's former attorneys or any of the "settling" individuals, including Sullivan, Franks, Schomer, Walters and Samuels, from the contracts by which Scientology prevented them from assisting Armstrong.

- 63. On March 25, 1994 Judge Gary W. Thomas issued an order in Armstrong IV sustaining plaintiff's demurrer stating, inter alia, "As to the first cause of action for declaratory relief, cross complainant seeks a declaration of issues which will be determined in the Los Angeles Superior Court actions (enforceability of settlement contract) or in the underlying complaint (ability of plaintiff to recover under the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act)."
- 64. On March 30, 1994 Greene wrote to Bartilson requesting that, for the purpose of Armstrong's defense in Armstrong IV, Scientology release Armstrong's former attorneys, Michael Flynn, Bruce Bunch and Julia Dragojevic, and the settling individuals, including Sullivan, Franks, Schomer, Walters and Samuels, from said contracts by which Scientology prohibited them, on threat of fair game, from assisting Armstrong against Scientology's charges in Armstrong IV. The assistance of said attorneys and individuals was necessary for the reasons set forth above in paragraphs 60 and 61.
- 65. On April 4, 1994 Bartilson wrote to Greene refusing to release either Armstrong's former attorneys or any of the "settling" individuals, including Sullivan, Franks, Schomer, Walters and Samuels, from the contracts by which Scientology prevented them from assisting Armstrong in the Armstrong IV litigation.
- 66. Without Scientology's specific release of witnesses with knowledge of the facts surrounding the settlement agreement on which Scientology bases <u>Armstrong IV</u> even subpcenaing said witnesses for deposition will not free them from Scientology's

Schomer was so intimidated by Scientology's threats of litigation should he testify even pursuant to a subpoena that when he was subpoenaed to a deposition in the <u>Corydon</u> case in 1990 he allowed one of Scientology's own lawyers to represent him and altered his previous sworn testimony to suit Scientology.

fair game threat to provide honest testimony. Indeed Howard

- 67. Scientology's refusal to release of said attorneys and individuals, on whom Armstrong depends for his defense of Scientology's claims in the underlying complaint in Armstrong IV, to be able to freely testify by means of declaration or deposition, when coupled with Scientology's continual threat of fair game should any these knowledgeable attorneys or individuals testify, is a willful act in the use of the legal process not proper in the regular conduct of this or any proceeding in our justice system. Its purpose is obstruction of justice and destruction of evidence so as to gain an illicit advantage in the Armstrong IV litigation, as well as to needlessly to run up Armstrong's costs so as to crush him economically.
- Armstrong IV complaint, Scientology recorded a lis pendens on the real property situated in Marin County known as 707 Fawn Drive and owned by Michael and Solina Walton. Scientology was not entitled by law to record said lis pendens. Moreover, the value of the property encumbered by said lis pendens far exceeded the amount of Scientology's legitimate claim, which is zero. The Waltons made several requests of Scientology that it remove the improper lis pendens, and Scientology refused, forcing the Waltons to bring a motion for an order of expungement. The forcing of the Waltons to

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bring a motion to achieve the expungement of the lis pendens to which Scientology was not entitled was a willful act improper in the regular conduct of the Armstrong IV proceeding, for the purposes of threatening Armstrong's friends, the Waltons, causing them problems and pushing up their costs in the litigation unnecessarily, so as to drive a wedge between the Waltons and Armstrong, to isolate Armstrong and to retaliate against him for exercising his rights by attacking his friends. Cost to the Waltons to obtain the expungement of said improper lis pendens is over \$8000.00. On October 29, 1993 the Court ordered said lis pendens expunged and ordered Scientology to pay \$3514.00 of the Waltons' costs by December 1, 1993, which orders Scientology did not appeal. As of this date Scientology has not paid this amount to the Waltons and continues to refuse to pay. Such refusal is a willful act for the illicit purposes of intimidation, causing the Waltons and Armstrong more trouble and pushing up the costs of this litigation even more.

defendant herein David Miscavige executed a declaration which concerned Armstrong and which was filed in the case of <u>Scientology v. Fishman & Geertz</u>, United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. CV 91-6425 HLH(Tx). In said declaration Miscavige falsely accused Armstrong of various acts relating to his experiences with Scientology prior to the 1986 settlement. On February 22 Armstrong executed a declaration for filing in the <u>Fishman</u> case to correct the falsehoods in Miscavige's declaration concerning his Scientology-related experiences. Prior to responding to the Miscavige declaration

Armstrong had executed no declaration for use in the Fishman case. On April 5, 1994, Scientology amended its complaint in Armstrong II to add a claim for \$50,000.00 in liquidated damages for Armstrong's execution of February 22 declaration. Miscavige and Scientology filed the false declaration about Armstrong in Fishman to goad and lure him into responding to correct the record and then use his response to puff up the liquidated damages on which Scientology bases its claim of damages in Armstrong IV so as to be able to use that litigation as a vehicle to accomplish its actual purposes of obstruction of justice, suppression of evidence, assassination of Armstrong's reputation, retaliation against him for exercising his rights, use of the discovery process for gathering intelligence on its enemies, and making an example of Armstrong so that knowledgeable witnesses who had been betrayed in the settlement with the organization would continue to be scared All other liquidated damages claims on which into silence. Scientology bases Armstrong IV are similarly baseless and the result of Scientology's and Miscavige's own wrongful acts.

70. I am informed and believe and allege thereon that on or about March 30, 1994 Scientology, pursuant to L. Ron Hubbard's policies of fair game and "black propaganda," disseminated internationally a publication which defames Armstrong by falsely accusing him of crimes and perversions, impugns his character with falsehoods and innuendo, and purports to describe his presettlement experiences with the Scientology organization. I am informed and believe and allege thereon that the actual source of said publication is David Miscavige. One of the purposes of said publication is to goad or lure Armstrong into responding to clear

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his name of Miscavige's and Scientology's lies. Scientology will then claim it is due liquidated damages in order to pad the claims on which it bases Armstrong IV. If Armstrong does not respond in order to refute Miscavige's and Scientology's lies and clear his name Miscavige and Scientology will claim that Armstrong, who himself received a copy of said publication in Scientology's international mailing, admits the truthfulness of said lies. actual purposes of Scientology's willful act in disseminating said publication during the litigation of Armstrong IV are the assassination of Armstrong's reputation, retaliation against him for exercising his rights, and making an example of Armstrong so that knowledgeable witnesses who had been betrayed in the settlement with the organization would continue to be scared into silence. Said publication is a vehicle Scientology is using to improperly inject into the Armstrong IV litigation false statements about Armstrong which have no connection to or logical relation to the action and are not made to achieve the objects of that litigation. Said publication contains, moreover, a description of a document which was illegally obtained by Scientology, and which was specifically sealed by Judge Breckenridge in the Armstrong I litigation. Scientology's use of said document in violation of an order of the Los Angeles Superior Court to effectuate its injection into the Armstrong IV litigation for the purpose of assassinating Armstrong's reputation is a willful act improper in the regular conduct of this or any other proceeding.

71. Throughout the <u>Armstrong IV</u> litigation Scientology has made knowingly false and defamatory statements about Armstrong for

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the purpose of assassinating his reputation, rather than to achieve the legitimate objects, if any, of the litigation. These include the lies that Armstrong has or had a history of fomenting litigation against Scientology, that for years he displayed an intense and abiding hatred for Scientology, and that he had extorted money from Scientology as the price of his signature on the subject settlement agreement. None of these statements is true and none are reasonably related to the objects of the Armstrong IV litigation, namely the setting aside of what Scientology alleges are fraudulent transfers by Armstrong.

While litigating Armstrong IV, which Scientology bases on Armstrong's alleged breaches of the 1986 settlement agreement, Scientology has itself refused to be bound by the same agreement. Scientology's refusal includes its unilateral rejection of the prevailing party fees and costs provision in paragraph 20 of the agreement. Since December, 1991 Scientology has owed Armstrong over \$20,000.00 in fees and costs from his successful defense of Scientology's motion to enforce the settlement agreement in Armstrong I. Scientology continues to refuse to pay said fees and costs due and continues to reject its own prevailing party fees and costs settlement agreement provision, while prosecuting the baseless and costly Armstrong IV litigation. Said refusal to be bound by its own contract is an improper willful act for the purposes of intimidation, destroying Armstrong financially, retaliation against him for exercising his rights, and making an example of him so that knowledgeable witnesses who had been betrayed in the settlement with the organization would continue to be scared into silence.

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73. Scientology bases all of its allegations relating to fraudulent conveyances in Armstrong IV solely on the deposition testimony of Armstrong and Walton in the Armstrong II litigation. Yet there is not one word in that testimony to support Scientology's allegations. Armstrong and Walton, on the other hand, have provided from the beginning of the Armstrong IV litigation overwhelming, detailed documentary proof of the nonfraudulent nature of all of Armstrong's conveyances Scientology claims it seeks in this action to set aside. In order to continue to prosecute Armstrong IV Scientology refuses to acknowledge this overwhelming proof. By refusing to acknowledge this proof and maintaining the charade of legitimacy in its allegations Scientology has through the discovery process in Armstrong IV obtained Armstrong's and Walton's personal and detailed financial records. The purposes for Scientology's use of the discovery process to obtain such records in this case are to feed its intelligence gathering apparatus, intimidation and retaliation. Faced as Scientology is with the fact that all of Armstrong's conveyances were non-fraudulent all of its acts in continuing to prosecute Armstrong IV constitute an ongoing abuse of process.

74. Throughout the <u>Armstrong IV</u> litigation Armstrong and Walton have made several attempts to get Scientology to meet and communicate for the purpose of resolving the action without further litigation and greater cost, and each attempt Scientology has refused to acknowledge. Armstrong and Walton have, moreover, made several requests that Scientology dismiss the litigation, and Scientology has refused each request. Having no basis in reality for the <u>Armstrong IV</u> complaint Scientology prosecutes this case

for improper purposes, and its acts in refusing to meet and communicate and refusing to dismiss the case constitute an abuse of process. Scientology's purpose in its refusals to resolve its meritless Armstrong IV case is to be able to maintain it as a vehicle for its actual and illicit motives: obstruct justice, destroy evidence, gain an unfair advantage in all of its litigations, feed its intelligence appetite, crush Armstrong economically, destroy him emotionally, assassinate his reputation, retaliate against him for daring to live his own life and stand up to Scientology's suppression, make an example of him as a message to anyone else who might dare to stand up to its suppression, and intimidate the legal community.

75. Cross-complainant has suffered damage, loss and harm, including but not limited to his reputation, his emotional tranquillity, and privacy.

76. That said damage, loss and harm was the proximate and legal result of the use of such legal process.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, cross-complainant seeks relief as is hereinafter pleaded.

### ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 1. For general and compensatory damages according to proof.
- 2. For attorney's fees and costs of suit.
- 3. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

DATED: April 15, 1994 HUB LAW OFFICES

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VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned, am the cross-complainant in the above entitled action. I know the contents of the foregoing First Amended Cross-Complaint I certify that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated upon my information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct according to the laws of the State of California and that this declaration was executed on the April 17, 1994 at San Anselmo, California.

By:

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